



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HÖTTEN et al.

Art Unit: 1647

Application No.: 09/386,450

Examiner: David Romeo

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For: NEW GROWTH/DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR OF THE TGF- β FAMILY

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 20, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated May 20, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 11 and 27 as follows:

11. (Amended) An isolated protein of the TGF- β family encoded by an isolated DNA molecule which comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

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- a) the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1,
 - b) a part of SEQ ID NO:1 which encodes nucleotide 1783-2142 and encodes the mature protein,
 - c) a nucleotide sequence which encodes the amino acid sequence according to SEQ ID NO: 2,

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